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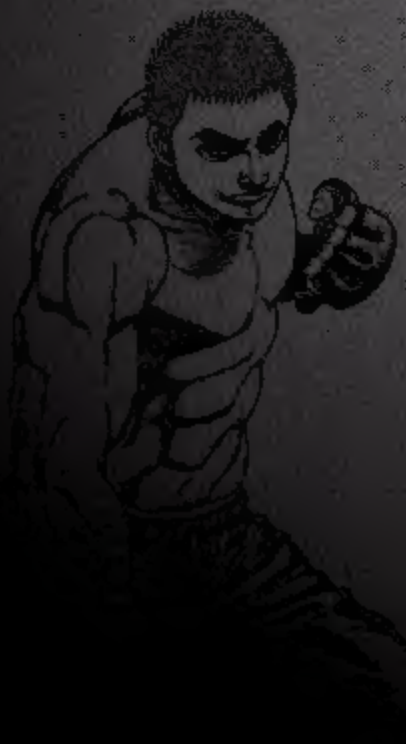

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393rd MATCH
"蟻スベリ"

HOW IN THE WORLD, ARE WE EXPECTED TO GO DOWN THIS MOUNTAIN THAT'S AT A 70 DEGREE ANGLE

THIS ...

SO THIS IS THE SECOND HURDLE IN THIS RACE, THE "SLIPPERY ANT"

393rd MATCH 〝蟻（アリ）スベリ〟

THIS IS ONE SLIPPERY CLIFF

IT'S ALMOST AS IF IT'S A STRAIGHT LINE DOWN

AND THIS ANGLE ....

BUT IF YOU TAKE A WRONG STEP IT WILL INDEED BE A SPEEDY DEATH

SOMETIMES DEATH IS A RATHER SMOOTH EVENT AND THAT IS WHAT IS BEING PROJECTED HERE

HOW IN THE WORLD ARE YOU EVEN SUPPOSED TO GO DOWN

BUT EVEN WITH THAT, MAKE SURE YOU STAY FOCUSED AND TRY TO KEEP YOUR FEAR IN CHECK

WHAT

I WILL GO DOWN FIRST

PLEASE REMEMBER MY PATH AND MAKE SURE TO USE THE SPOTS I USE

HEY, DO I LOOK LIKE SOME KIND PUSSY?

DO I LOOK LIKE THE KIND OF WUSS, WHO WOULD GET SCARED BY A "SLIPPERY ANT"?

GO AFTER YOU, MIMIC WHAT YOU DO, AND USE YOU TO STAY SAFE? WHO THE HELL DO YOU THINK I AM, I HAVE PRIDE YOU KNOW!!?

I WILL USE MY OWN SKILLS AND MY OWN STRENGTH TO GO DOWN THIS DAMN "SLIPPERY ANT"

WELL ALL OF THIS IS JUST A TEST, SO WHAT WOULD I BE IF I RAN AWAY

THE ONLY THING THAT PRIDE WILL ALLOW YOU TO EXPERIENCE IS DEATH AND STUPIDITY

YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT TERRORS AWAIT YOU ON THIS "SLIPPERY ANT"

WHOA... MY VISION IS GETTING ALL HAZY

IT'S ALMOST AS IF I'M STARING DEATH RIGHT IN THE FACE

MY EYES KEEP PLAYING TRICKS ON ME

WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER IF I WENT FIRST AFTER ALL?

ARE YOU OK? YOU'RE KEEPING ME WAITING, YOU KNOW

I'M JUST GETTING THE DAMN TIMING RIGHT MAN!!

RIGHT NOW, I'M ...

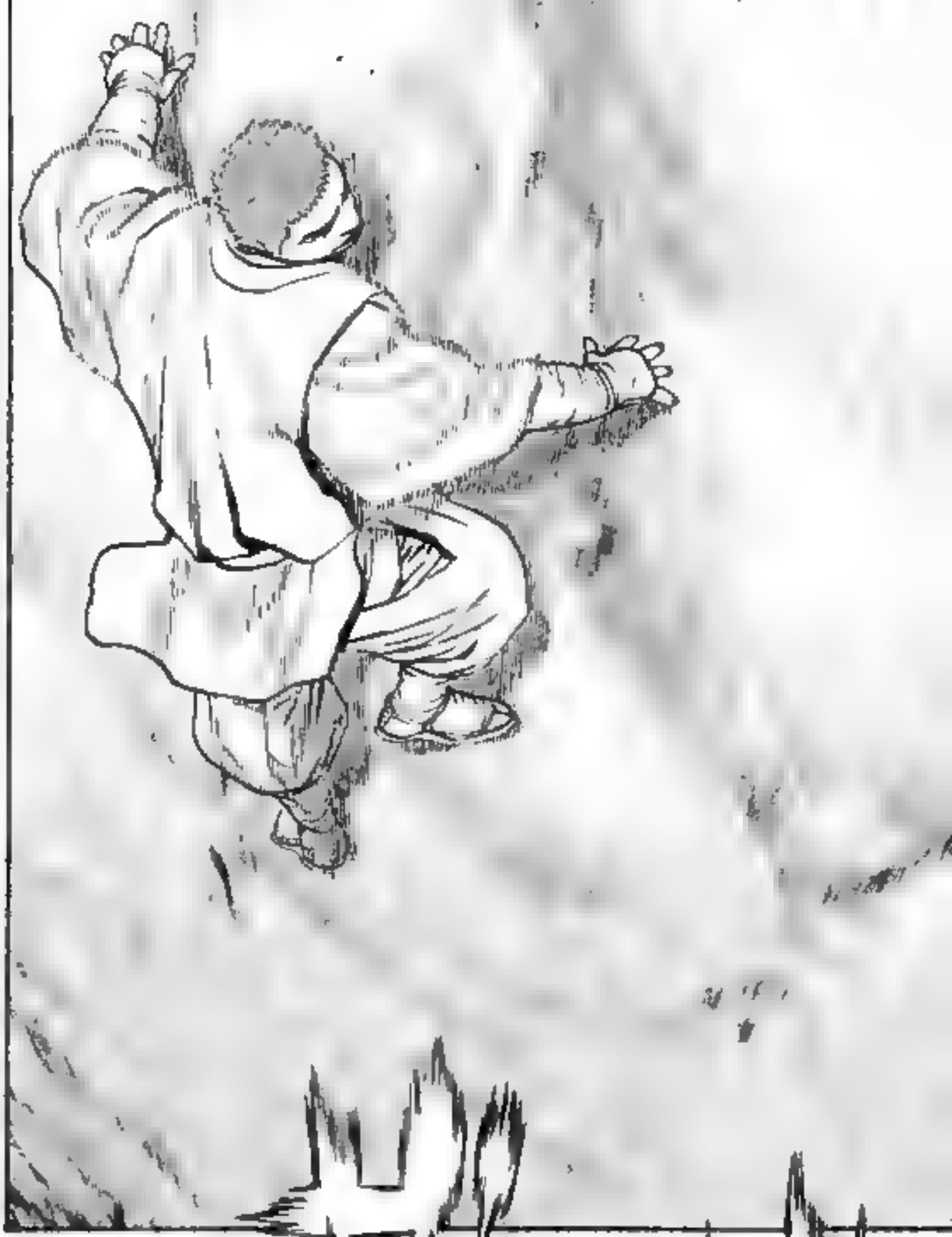
WHAAA

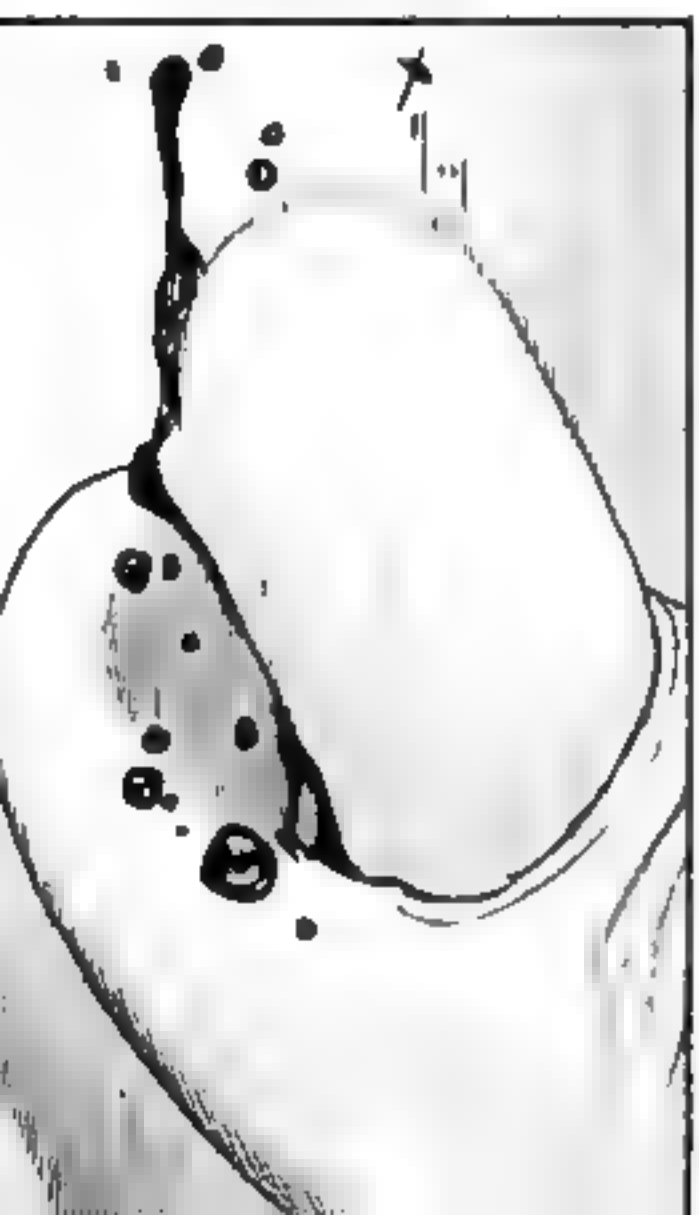
THERE'S A FOOTHOLD RIGHT THERE!!!

PHEW

ALRIGHT, SOMEHOW I WAS ABLE TO GET A THREE-POINT SUPPORT GOING

NEXT UP IS THAT HOLE THERE





DEATH

I AM GOING TO DIE

WHOA... I WAS SAVED ....

YES!!!
I'M STILL
ALIVE

I ACTUALLY
MADE IT
DOWN THE
"SLIPPERY
ANT"

WELL
DONE

IS THAT THE TENGU ...??

394th MATCH

〝霧ノ森〟

THE...
TENGU
...

MASTER

AH

BUT WHY DOES HE KEEP AVOIDING ME?

JUST LIKE I THOUGHT, THE TENGU DOES LIVE IN THESE PARTS

WELL, THERE'S NO HELPING IT NOW..

DAMMIT, MY FINGER NAIL GOT TORN OFF

THAT REALLY HURTS ...

YOU MAKE IT SEEM AS IF IT'S IMPOSSIBLE

SINCE WE HAVE NO IDEA WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN YOU GO DOWN THAT CLIFF

HEY, THIS MAKES ME LOOK LIKE AN ASSHOLE, BUT I'LL BE GOING ON AHEAD WITHOUT YOU

HAH

WHOA, LOOK AT OUR LEADER GO!!

NO MATTER, HOW MANY TIMES WE DO THIS CONTEST, I NEVER EVEN MAKE IT TO THE FOREST

THAT GUY IS JUST INHUMAN ...

THERE IS NO DOUBT, THIS YEAR OUR LEADER WILL WIN AGAIN

BUT IT'S STILL PRETTY DAMN AMAZING THAT HE ACTUALLY MADE IT DOWN THE SLIPPERY ANT IN ONE PIECE LIKE THAT

NO MATTER HOW HARD HE TRIES, THERE IS NO WAY THAT, THAT NADA HEIR MIYAZWA WILL BE ABLE TO KEEP UP WITH HIM

IS HE SOME KIND OF "DEMON" AS WELL?

IT'S A LOT HARDER TO MOVE FORWARD THAN I THOUGHT

IF I DON'T HURRY UP, THAT GUY IS GOING TO CATCH UP TO ME

EVEN IF IT'S JUST FOR A BIT, I HAVE TO STAY AHEAD OF THIS GUY

SO THIS IS THE THIRD HURDLE IN THIS CONTEST OF CARNAGE, THE "FOREST OF MIST"

THEY WERE REALLY ON POINT WITH THAT NAME...

SO THIS IS THE FOREST OF MIST, HUH?

FUNN

AND THAT DAMN ROCK CLIMBING, AND GOING DOWN THE SLIPPERY ANT REALLY TOOK IT OUT OF ME AS WELL

I'M GETTING EXHAUSTED FROM PUSHING MY WAY THROUGH THESE VINES WITH JUST BRUTE FORCE

!

SO THIS IS THIRD HURDLE OF THIS CHALLENGE, "THE FOREST OF FOG!"

395th MATCH 天狗の正体

WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?

IS... IT SOME KIND OF MONSTER?

WHOAA!! IT'S COMING THIS WAY!!

MY HEART IS BEATING LIKE CRAZY!

395th MATCH

天狗の正体

DAMN IT!!
A MONSTER
IS TRYING
TO EAT ME!!

MY HEART... FOR SOME REASON IT'S GETTING HARDER TO BREATHE!

WHO IS THAT?

IT'S JUST A HALLUCINATION, SO TRY TO CALM DOWN!

WHEN A HUMAN INHALES CARBON DIOXIDE THAT'S AT A CONCENTRATION LEVEL OF 3 OR 4%. THEY TEND T O EXPERIENCE DIZZINESS AND PAIN. AND IF THE LEVELS REACH 7%, IT'S KNOWN TO ALTER BRAIN ACTIVITY.

THIS AREA IS FILLED WITH, A FAIRLY HIGH CONCENTRATION OF CARBON DIOXIDE.

THE REASON YOU'RE SEEING HALLUCINATIONS, IS BECAUSE YOU'VE BEEN BREATHING TOO MUCH OF IT. AND YOU ALSO HAVE TO ADD IN YOUR FATIGUE AND STRESS.

IT'S THE LEADER GUY!

I DON'T KNOW.

DO YOU THINK THAT KIICHI WILL MEET THAT TENGU?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?

SEEMS YOU DON'T WANNA THINK ABOUT IT.

SINCE YOU WEREN'T ABLE TO WIN THE FIGHT, IT WOULD MAKE SENSE THAT YOU KIND OF WANT KIICHI TO GIVE UP ON THE IDEA.

WELL, YOU FOUGHT KAKUGO AND THEN HE REFUSED TO FIGHT KIICHI, WHICH COULD LEAVE SOME KIND OF AFTERTASTE.

BUT THE ONLY THING THAT YOUR LOSS DID, WAS INSPIRE THAT KID, AND LIT HIS FIGHTING SPIRIT TO ABLAZE!

HE IS ABLE TO GO FULL THROTTLE FROM THE JUMP!

THE BEST THING IS THAT KIICHI DOESN'T CARE, THAT KAKUGO IS HIS REAL FATHER. NOT EVEN IN THE SLIGHTEST.

AND I AM CERTAIN THAT IF THEY WERE TO FIGHT, IT WOULD PUSH HIM TO THE NEXT LEVEL AS A FIGHTER!

HE IS WHAT YOU CAN CALL A TRUE MARTIAL ARTIST. HE IS ALWAYS CRAVING TO FIGHT SOMEONE STRONGER THAN HIM. AND THAT IS ALL THE MOTIVATION HE NEEDS.

AND KAKUGO SEEMS PRETTY NONCHALANT ABOUT THE WHOLE FATHER, SON THING AS WELL.

RUNNING AWAY, MAY BE THE BETTER WORDING!

BUT THE ONE THING THAT IS CERTAIN, IS THAT FOR NOW HE IS STILL AVOIDING THE FIGHT.

WHAT ARE THE CHANCES THAT HE WILL BE ABLE TO MEET THAT TENGU?

EVEN IF HE GOES TO THAT DEMON ISLAND .....

PERHAPS THE BEST KIICHI CAN DO ON THAT ISLAND, IS CREATE SOME KIND OF DISTURBANCE.

AND THAT MIGHT ATTRACT THE ATTENTION OF THE TENGU. WHOSE IDENTITY ISN'T THAT MUCH OF A MYSTERY TO ME.

YOU THINK THAT THE TENGU AND KAKUGO ARE THE SAME PERSON!!?

DON'T GO MAKING UP DUMB STUFF LIKE THAT!!

THERE IS NO WAY THAT'S TRUE!!

THAT MEANS HE MUST HAVE A REASON TO HIDE HIS FACE, RIGHT?

AT THE END OF THE DAY, THE TENGU IS NOTHING MORE THAN A GUY IN A MASK RIGHT?

THIS THING ISN'T A "REAL MONSTER."

THAT SETTLES IT!!

IT'S NOTHING MORE THAN A HALLUCINATION, CAUSED BY MY BRAIN.

I HAVE TO SLOW DOWN MY BREATHING.

I HAVE TO FOCUS MY MIND, AND REMOVE THE FEAR FROM MY HEART!

I HAVE TO FULLY CONTROL MY INSPIRATORY AND EXPIRATORY BREATHING.

ザ…

THIS IS THE NADASHIN-KAGERYU CHOUSOKUHOU BREATHING TECHNIQUE!!

BUT THE HEIR IS ONE HECK OF A GUY!

PHEW, I ALMOST THOUGHT THAT HE WOULDN'T MAKE IT OUT OF THIS FOREST.

396th MATCH 〝無間沼〟

WHAT? THAT KIICHI GUY TOO?

OUR LEADER AND THAT KIICHI GUY, ARE ALREADY OUT OF THE FOREST.

NO MATTER WHAT, WE HAVE TO BEAT THAT KIICHI GUY!

I CAN DEAL WITH LOSING TO OUR LEADER, BUT I DON'T WANT TO LOSE TO THAT KIICHI GUY!!

THE ENDLESS SWAMP.

396th MATCH 〈無間沼〉

SO THIS IS THE SWAMP HUH?

FLASH

A BOTTOMLESS SWAMP...

IT'S HIM AGAIN.

ONCE THIS SWAMP CLAIMS YOUR BODY, YOU WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO ESCAPE IT'S CLUTCHES.

THE FIRST; USE THE ROPE. BY PULLING YOURSELF AHEAD, YOU CAN MAKE IT ALL THE WAY TO THE OTHER SIDE.

YOU HAVE 2 CHOICES TO MAKE IT ACROSS.

OF COURSE, THIS WILL TAKE UP A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF TIME.

ANOTHER WAY IS TO WALK AROUND THE SWAMP IN IT'S ENTIRETY.

THAT JUST LEAVES ME NO CHOICE THEN, DOES IT!!?

WHOA, I KEEP SINKING!!

PLEASE BE CAREFUL, BECAUSE THIS ISN'T A TIGHT ROPE, SO IT WILL KEEP GOING DOWN!

AND IF YOU DROWN, EVEN I WON'T BE ABLE TO SAVE YOU!

HEY, IF YOU'RE NOT GONNA HELP, COULD YOU STOP GIVING ADVICE?

BUT I'M CURIOUS TO KNOW HOW YOU PLAN ON CROSSING THIS SWAMP?

I'LL ADMIT THAT YOU'RE PRETTY IMPRESSIVE ....

WELL, THERE IS A THIRD METHOD TO CROSS THIS SWAMP, THAT CAN ONLY BE DONE BY ME!

A THIRD METHOD?

ON TOP OF THE LOTUS .....

WHY MY TEACHER IS GOING THROUGH SUCH LENGTH TO AVOID YOU?

I AM SOMEWHAT WONDERING ...

THE TENGU?

PERHAPS IT'S THE LINK OF YOUR NADA ROOTS?

YOU AND TEACHER .....

EITHER WAY, IT DOESN'T MATTER, WHAT KIND OF CONNECTION THE TWO OF YOU HAVE.

IT ONLY LASTS, AS LONG AS YOU ARE ALIVE.

WELL, I'LL BE GOING THEN.

WHAT?

YOU ASS-HOLE!

THIS IS PRETTY DAMN TOUGH, I HAVE TO KEEP MY GRIP AND STEADY MY BREATHING!!

I MADE IT!!!

THE GOAL SHOULD BE AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE.

397th MATCH

一番札の行方

IF I KEEP WALKING ON THIS ROAD, I'LL HIT THE FINISH LINE.

THIS ROAD ....

IT SHOULD BE IN THAT SHRINE.

IT'S TOO BAD.

THE THING YOU BROKE YOUR BACK FOR TO GET, IS RIGHT HERE.

TADA.

LIKE I TOLD YOU, THERE IS NO WAY I WOULD LOSE TO YOU.

I AM NOT LEAVING WITHOUT THAT TAG.

AFTER I CAME THIS FAR .....

I WILL GIVE YOU A SINGLE CHANCE...

WELL, IT SEEMS YOU STILL WANT THIS TAG, SEEMS I WILL HAVE TO GIVE YOU A SHOT, HUH?

TO TAKE THIS TAG FROM ME.

WELL EVEN IF I WERE TO COME TO REGRET IT, IT WOULD BE ANOTHER CHANCE TO REFLECT UPON MYSELF.

I'LL MAKE YOU REGRET GIVING ME A CHANCE.

THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO HEAR.

TO HAVE A FIGHT WITH THE HEIR OF THE NADASHINKAGERYU, KIICHI MIYAZWA.

BUT THIS IS THE MAIN REASON I WAS WAITING HERE FOR YOU.

IT'S MORE A MATTER OF RESPECT, AND CURIOSITY.

WELL, IT SEEMS I'M ONE LUCKY DUCK.

TO EXPERIENCE THE TECHQNIUES OF THE NADA FOR MYSELF, AFTER HEARING SO MUCH ABOUT THEM.

THAT'S GOOD.

I WANTED TO SEE WHAT YOUR TECHNIQUES ARE ALL ABOUT FOR MYSELF AS WELL.

SEEMS WE ARE HERE FOR THE SAME REASONS THEN.

NOW I CAN FIGHT YOU TO MY HEARTS CONTENT, WITHOUT WORRIES.

WHAT THE HELL IS UP WITH HIS KICK?

I CAN'T SEE IT'S INCOMING TRAJECTORY.

IT'S TOO FAST FOR ME TO SEE!

THESE MOVES .....

THIS PAIN ....

IT FEELS FAMILIAR FOR SOME REASON.

BUT IT'S STILL A LITTLE DIFFERENT, IT ISN'T THE SAME KICK.

IT ISN'T THE SAME AS THE GHOST KICK.

BUT IF THE GHOST FOOT'S KICK, DOESN'T BELONG TO THIS GUY, WHO DOES IT BELONG TO?

WHO?

COULD THIS GUY BE THE TENGU?

398th MATCH

最終難関：安藤夢二

THE TENGU ....

IT SEEMS THAT THE GHOST FOOT IS STILL THE PRIME SUSPECT FOR BEING THE TENGU.

HEY LEADER, YOUR SPEED AND TECHNIQUE ARE AWESOME.

I CAN'T EVEN FOLLOW YOUR SPEED WITH MY EYES.

AND BEHIND EACH KICK YOU PUT YOUR FULL BODY WEIGHT.

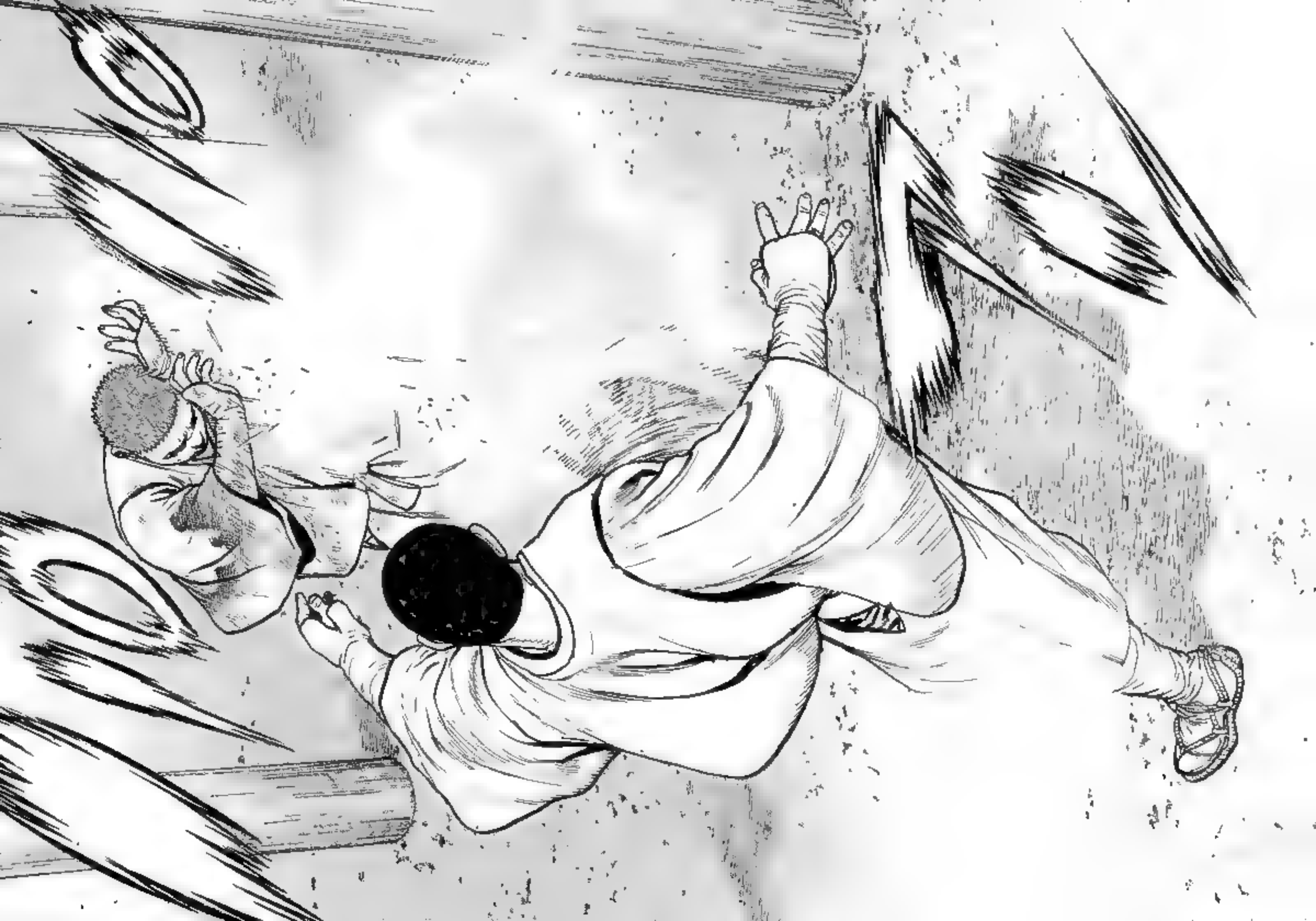
BUT IT'S STILL NOT THE SAME ....

YOUR KICKING SKILLS ARE ABSOLUTELY FLAWLESS.

BECAUSE AT THE END OF THE DAY, IT'S STILL JUST A HUMAN FOOT.

BUT THERE IS NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF.

IT'S NOT THE FOOT OF A MONSTER!



T/N: ARM BREAKING KICK

UGH

UDE-GOROSHI NOCHUDAN GERI!

IS THIS STILL NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF?

THE IMPACT OF THAT KICK DISLOCATED MY SHOULDER.

BECAUSE I STILL HAVEN'T GOTTEN SERIOUS YET!!

UGH

MAMA RYUUTAI JUTSU, HENGEN JIZAI!

ONCE YOU MASTER THIS, YOU CAN KICK WITH YOUR ENTIRE WEIGHT FROM ANY POSITION.

T/N: TRUE VERSATILITY OF NATURE MOVING

GUH!

AND YOU CAN DO SO WITHOUT WASTING TOO MUCH ENERGY.

YOU CAN EVEN DO THE IMPOSSIBLE.

TO MASTER THIS YOU HAVE TO GO THROUGH EXCRUCIATING TRAINING THAT WILL MAKE SOMETHING AS SIMPLE AS BREATHING HARD TO DO.

EVEN I HAVE TO ADMIT THAT THIS IS ONE HECK OF A PINCH I'M IN.

IF YOU THINK YOU STILL STAND A CHANCE, YOU MUST BE THE TYPE TO BELIEVE IN MIRACLES.

BUT DID YOU REALLY THINK I WOULD LOSE LIKE THIS?

PERHAPS YOU'RE UNDERESTIMATING MY HISTORY AS A FIGHTER, BECAUSE I HAVE FOUGHT WITH GUYS WHO ARE MORE OF A MONSTER THAN YOU.

I WONDER WHO THAT WAS?

IT'S JUST AS TEACHER SAID.

THE TENGU IS STRONGER THAN YOU, ISN'T HE?

IT SEEMS MIYAZAWA MEANS SOMETHING TO TEACHER.

BUT WHY?

SO IT SEEMS, I WILL JUST HAVE TO GO THROUGH YOU.....

I CAN'T LEAVE HERE WITHOUT COMING WHAT I CAME FOR.

I WONDER WHY?

FOR SOME REASON, OUR TEACHER DOESN'T WANT TO GET INTO CONTACT WITH MIYAZAWA.

399th MATCH
神を守護する下僕

WHAT MAKES HIM SO SPECIAL?

399th MATCH

神を守護する下僕

IT'S UNFORGIVABLE THAT OUR TEACHER FINDS YOU SPECIAL IN ANY WAY!!

BUT ONE THING IS CRYSTAL CLEAR.

IT'S ALL THANKS TO HIS OWN AMBITION.

THAT I WILL COMPLETELY DESTROY HIM RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW!!

AND ONCE AND FOR ALL, SHOW HIM THE TRUE DIFFERENCE IN OUR STRENGTH.

THE TECHNIQUE, POWER, SPEED AND ACCURACY OF EACH ONE OF YOUR KICKS IS FLAWLESS ON EVERY LEVEL.

HEY, BOSS!

IT'S NOT THE SAME.

BUT .....

I KNEW FOR SURE AFTER I SAW YOUR KICK FIRSTHAND.

THERE IS A SLIGHT DIFFERENCE IN THE SPEED OF YOUR KICKS, AND IT WAS SLOW ENOUGH FOR ME TO SEE IT.

WHAT ARE YOU BABBLING ABOUT?

SLOW ENOUGH FOR YOU TO SEE?

IT'S A TECHNIQUE THAT RENDERS IT, INVISIBLE?

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THERE YOU ARE.

TEACHER!

EXCESSIVE FORCE AND SPEED AREN'T THE KEY ELEMENTS.

THERE ARE THINGS MORE IMPORTANT THAN IT BEING INVISIBLE.

YOU SHOULD SLOW IT DOWN A LITTLE AND IMPROVE YOUR ACCURACY.

FROM HERE ...

HE IS CHANGING THE TRAJECTORY MID WAY.

LIKE THIS.

HUH?

PLEASE MAKE SURE TO DEFEND YOURSELF PROPERLY.

IMPOSSIBLE, I WAS CERTAIN THAT IT WAS GOING TO BE A MID KICK.

THE SLOW MOVEMENT, THE INITIAL VELOCITY, THE TRAJECTORY, I WAS ABLE TO SEE ALL OF IT AND YET....

JUST BECAUSE YOU CAN SEE IT, DOESN'T MEANT IT'S VISIBLE,

ONCE YOU MASTER THAT, A NEW AND UNEXPECTED FORCE WILL BE BORN FROM YOUR MOVES.

YOU HAVE TO LET GO OF THE CONCEPT OF MUSCLE SPEED AND STAMINA.

IT'S NOT ABOUT THE HEART BEHIND EACH KICK, IT'S ABOUT USING THE CENTER OF YOUR BODY.

YOU HAVE TO MAKE USE OF THE MOVE ITSELF.

YOU DESERVE TO BE HONORED AS THE GOD YOU ARE!!

EVENTHOUGH WE AREN'T CONNECTED THROUGH BLOOD, I STILL WANT YOU TO BE MY FATHER.

THANK YOU!

ONCE HE HIT ME IN THE HEAD, LET'S JUST SAY IT MADE ME FEEL GOOD.

THE GHOST FEET'S KICKS WERE STRONGER THAN YOURS.

I HAVE TO MAKE SURE I DO MY DUE DILIGENCE AS A SERVANT OF OUR GOD.

AS MY FATHER'S SON.

THAT IS WHAT YOU CALL THE EPITOME OF A KICK.

TO LEARN TECHNIQUES THAT ARE INVISIBLE TO THE NAKED EYE!

IT'S WHAT ALL OF US STRIVE FOR.

I HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT MIYAZAWA AND TEACHER NEVER GET THE CHANCE TO MEET.

ALL THOSE WHO POSE A THREAT TO OUR MASTER, SHALL BE ELIMINATED BY ME!

TOUCH

400th MATCH

進化する幻突（げんとつ）

I WILL ELIMINATE EVERYTHING THAT POSES A THREAT TO OUR TEACHER!

I'M ALMOST AT MY LIMIT ...

I HAVE ENOUGH STRENGTH FOR JUST ONE MORE BLOW...

JUST ONE MORE BLOW.

WHAT THE!?

HOW IS HIS LEG CREATING THOSE KIND OF VIBRATIONS?

THIS TECHNIQUE

IT'S THE SAME AS OUR TEACHER'S!!

THE TECHNIQUE THAT HAS BEEN REFERRED TO AS THE ULTIMATE BLOW.

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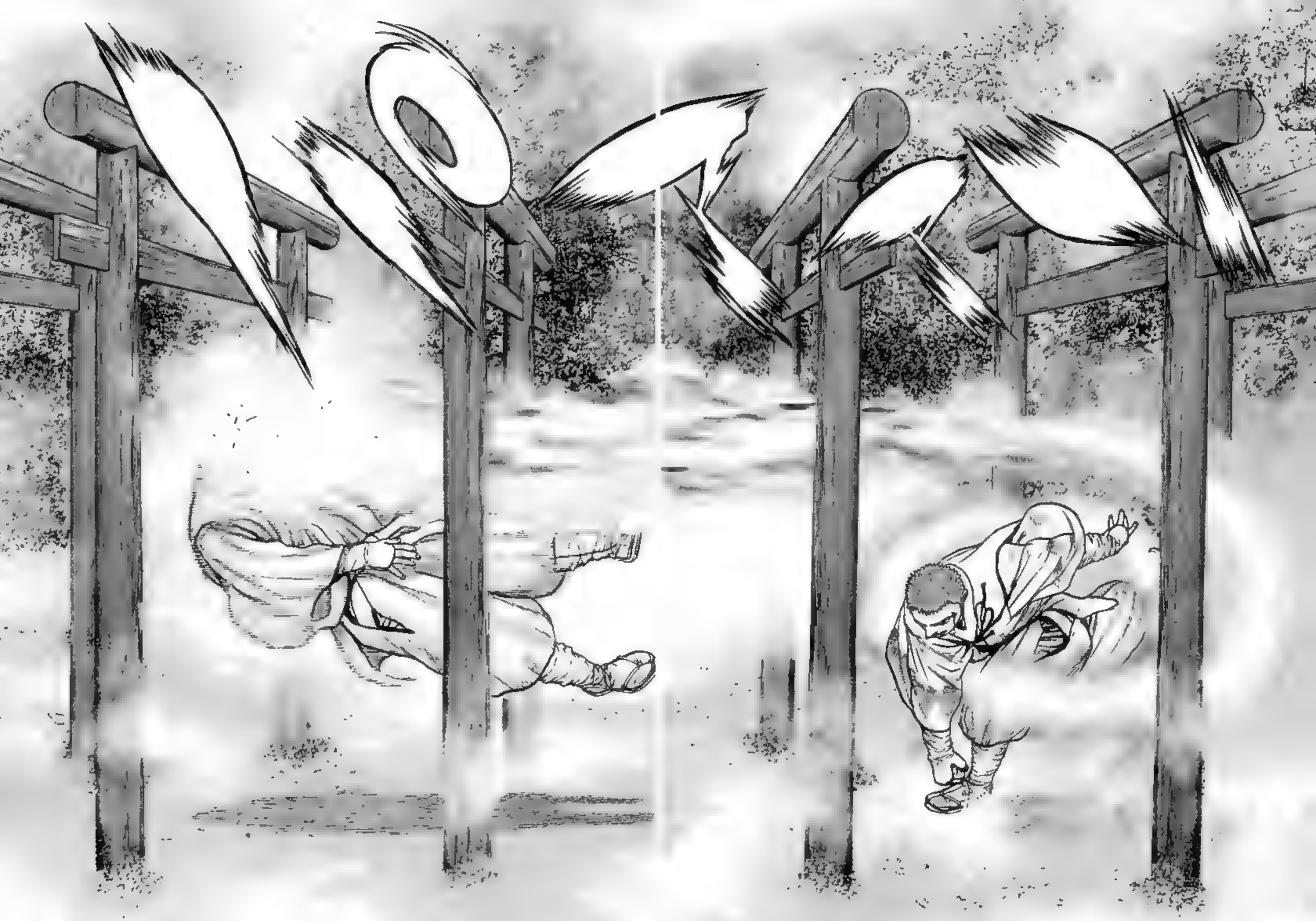
HOW IS MIYAZAWA ABLE TO USE THE TECHNIQUE OF OUR TEACHER!?

HOW?



HE USES HIS OWN ENERGY AND CONTROLS THE SOUND WAVES THROUGH SEISMIC ENERGY.

THE FIRST TIME I SAW IT, WAS FROM OUR TEACHER.

IT WAS AS IF AN ACTUAL GIANT FIST CAME FLYING TOWARDS ME AS CLEAR AS DAY.

TO FORCE THE INVISIBLE TO BECOME VISIBLE IS WHAT YOU CAN CALL "MAMA".

TO SEE WHAT ISN'T THERE, AS IF IT WAS, IS THE TRUE MEANING OF "YUGEN".

T/N: LETS JUST SAY YUGEN IS OCCULT AND MAMA IS MAGIC.

YUGEN AND MAMA?

ONCE YOU DO THAT, THERE IS NOTHING THAT IS IMPOSSIBLE.

LET GO OF YOUR EGO!

YET CERTAIN THINGS WILL FOREVER STAY INVISIBLE.

HOW COME HE IS SO SIMILAR TO OUR TEACHER.

IS IT POSSIBLE THAT OTHERS HAVE BEEN RECEMNG TRAINING FROM OUR TEACHER?

IS IT POSSIBLE THAT I AM NOT THE PERSON WHO IS CLOSEST TO OUR TEACHER!!?

HE IS SO SIMILAR TO OUR TEACHER

SEEMS WE'RE THE FIRST HERE....

401st MATCH
天狗との邂逅

WHAT THE...

401st MATCH

天狗との邂逅

LEADER ....

HE WAS DEFEATED !!??

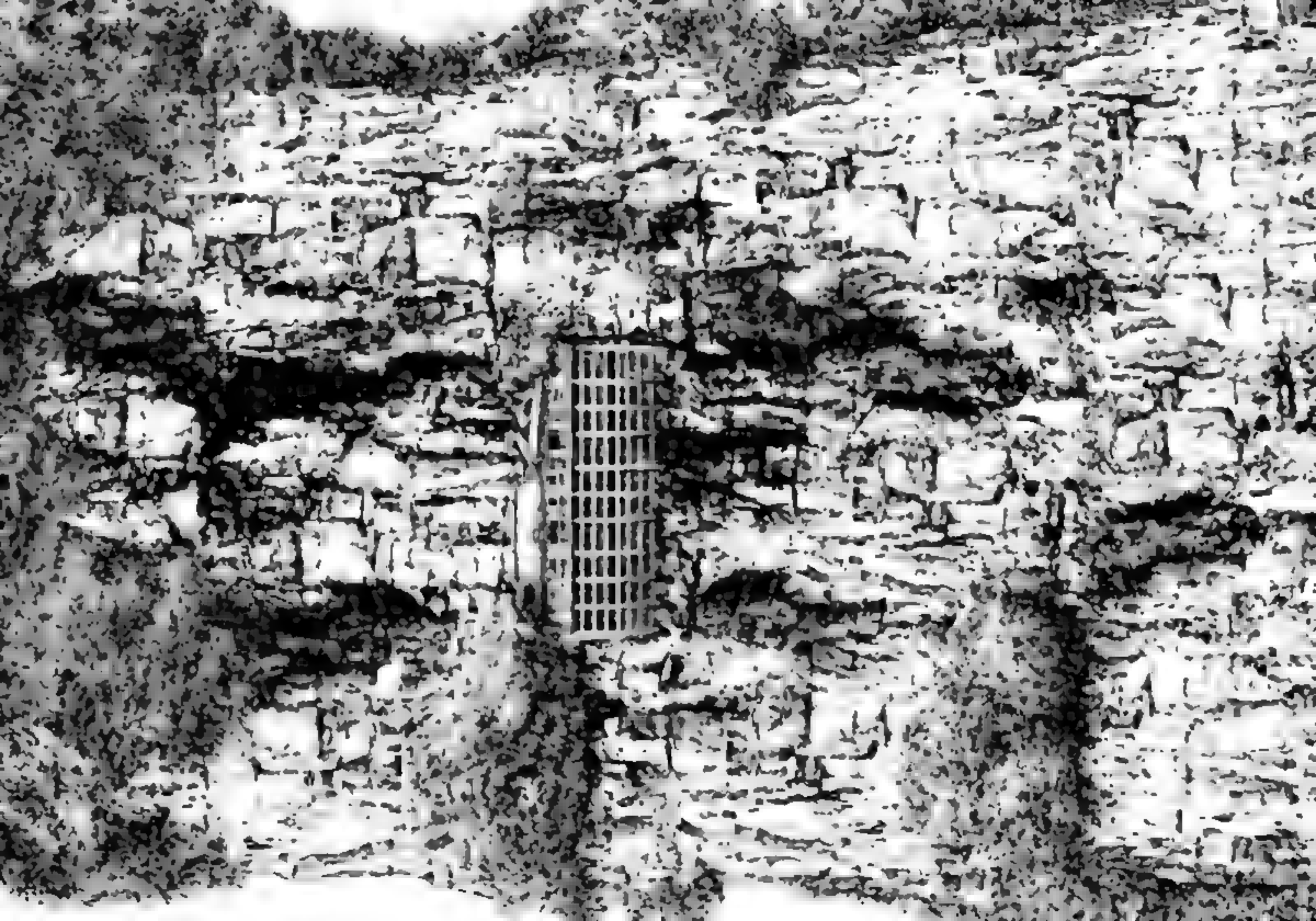
DID MIYAZAWA REALLY BEAT HIM?

I DID IT!!!

AH

THE WINNER IS THE HEIR OF THE NADA!!

THE CONTEST IS OVER!!



SEEMS YOU'RE FINALLY AWAKE.

AH

YOU WERE PASSED OUT FOR A WHOLE DAY.

YOU WERE ABLE TO CONVERT ALL THAT ENERGY AND TAKE ME DOWN IN ONE BLOW.

BUT I AM STILL AT SOMEWHAT OF A LOSS AS TO THE REASON.

WITHOUT A DOUBT IT WAS 99.99% MY LOSS.

DOES THAT MAKE ANY SENSE TO YOU?

IT WAS BECAUSE THAT WAS MY ONLY OPTION, TO TAKE YOU OUT WITHOUT TAKING DAMAGE.

ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT THE TENGU??

REGARDLESS OF WHAT OR HOW, THE REASON I WAS AT A LOSS, IS BECAUSE IT WAS THE EXACT SAME MOVE AS OUR TEACHER.

YES, INDEED.

HEY HEY, THERE IS ONLY ONE OTHER PERSON WHO IS CAPABLE OF DOING THAT TECHNIQUE AND THAT IS THE MASTER OF THE YUGEN, KUSAKABE!!

THE NAME OF OUR TEACHER IS TAKEGAMI SEIHO, BUT THE ONLY WAY TO BE ABSOLUTELY SURE IS TO SEE HIS FACE FOR YOURSELF.

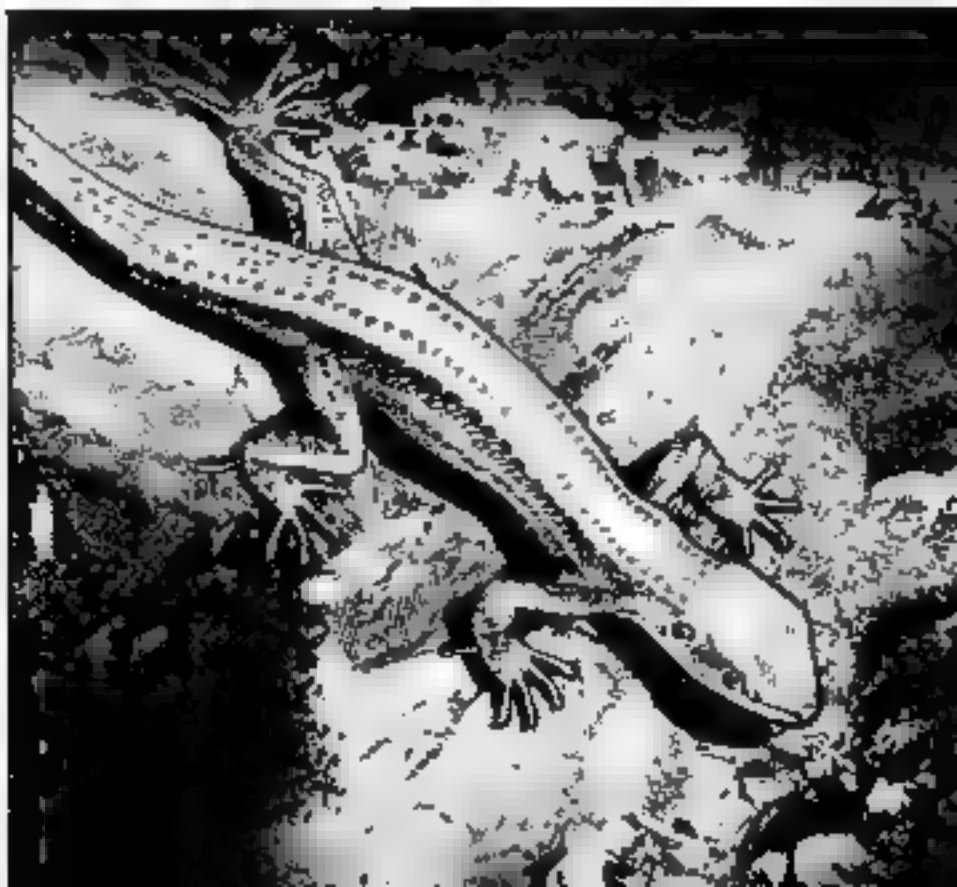
I DON'T KNOW IF THIS KUSAKABE PERSON IS THE SAME PERSON AS OUR TEACHER.

SO I WILL TAKE YOU THERE.

THAT'S HOW IT IS.

AND IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR ALL INVOLVED IF YOU HAD A DIRECT CONVERSATION WITH OUR TEACHER.

AS THE WINNER OF THE CONTEST, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO MEET OUR TEACHER ANYWAY.



OK

PLEASE REFRAIN FROM DOING ANYTHING RASH OR RUDE IN FRONT OF OUR TEACHER.

I HAVE BROUGHT MIYAZAWA HERE TO MEET YOU.

TEACHER ...

SO THIS GUY IS THE TENGU?

THIS GUY

I'M NOT HERE TO PLAY DAMN GAMES!!!

THIS
...

I CAME ALL THIS WAY TO MEET THE TENGU!

AND THEN I WENT THROUGH HELL TO FIND THIS THING!!

!

WHERE DID THE REAL TENGU GO!!?

KIICHI-SAN, THERE IS SOMETHING HERE FOR YOU.

TO KIICHI

402nd MATCH

夢二の夢

第一話

I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU AT SHIRANUI PALACE!

SIGNED

KUSAKABE SATOSHIWARE

竹神栖鳳こと

日下部覚吾

SHIRANUI PALACE?

IS THAT MASTERS REAL NAME?

KUSAKABE?

HUH?

I'M PRETTY HAPPY RIGHT NOW.

SO KUSAKABE SATOSHIWARE IS THE ONE I'LL BE FIGHTING HUH?

IT'S FINALLY HAPPENING, I'M FINALLY GETTING WHAT I ASKED FOR.

I'M GETTING ALL FIRED UP.

WELL THAT'S OK, SINCE I WANT TO MEET HIM AS WELL.

SO YOU WILL BE DESCENDING ALREADY?

THANKS FOR TAKING CARE OF ME ALL THE TIME.

HOW LONG DO YOU PLAN ON STAYING ON THIS MOUNTAIN?

I'LL STAY HERE TILL I'M STRONG.

NO NO, I'M STILL IMMATURE AND WEAK AND HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO BEFORE I CAN BE CALLED STRONG.

YOU'RE STRONG ENOUGH ALREADY.

THE DESIRE TO BE ADMIRED ...

THE DESIRE TO WIN ....

THE DESIRE TO LOVE ....

I WILL ONLY LEAVE THIS PLACE ONCE I'M ABLE TO ABANDON ALL OF THESE DESIRES.

BUT I GET THE FEELING YOU WON'T EVER LEAVE THIS PLACE.

I DON'T REALLY GET WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT...

YES, TO REACH THE LEVEL I NEED, IT MIGHT JUST TAKE A LIFETIME.

I CAN TRULY FIND MYSELF HERE AND GET IN TOUCH WITH NATURE AS WELL.

THE WARM BREEZE THAT BLOWS THROUGH THE TREES AS IT HELPS THE LEAVES FALL.

THE BEAUTY OF THE FLOWERS AS THEY COME AND GO EACH YEAR.

THIS IS TRULY THE BEAUTY OF LIFE AND DEATH.

THERE IS STILL SOMETHING WRONG INSIDE MY SOUL, AND I NEED TO FIX IT.

WRONG?

I AM A MURDERER!

HE KILLED HIS FATHER?

I AM NOTHING BUT A VILLIAN WHO HAS THE BLOOD OF HIS FATHER ON HIS HANDS!!

I KILLED MY OWN FATHER WHILE I WAS STILL A JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT.

NO MATTER HOW I WANT TO TWIST AND TURN WHAT HAPPENED WITH WORDS, IT WONT TAKE AWAY WHAT I DID.

WE ALL HAVE OUR OWN DEMONS FROM WHICH WE SUFFER.

IT'S CLEAR THAT YOU'RE LOST IN DEEP DARKNESS.

THE AIM IS TO FIND THE ROOT OF YOUR PAIN AND PURIFY IT.

IN FACT, MOST OF US ARE ABLE TO SHINE DUE TO OUR OWN DARKNESS.

I FOUND THE WAY TO HEAL MYSELF.

DUE TO THE TEACHING OF OUR TEACHER, I WAS ABLE TO DISSOLVE SOME OF MY DARKNESS.

IT WOULDN'T BE TOO MUCH TO SAY THAT HE WAS LIKE OUR GOD.

SO THAT IS HOW YOU CAME TO IDOLIZE THE TENGU AS MUCH AS YOU DID.

FROM THAT MOMENT, MY TEACHER BECAME MORE OF A FATHER TO ME THAN ANYTHING ELSE.

AND I WILL DEFEAT THE TENGU, AND BREAK THIS WARPED RESPECT YOU HAVE!!

I WILL GO TO THIS SHIRANUI PALACE AND FIGHT WITH THE ONE YOU REVERE.

OK, I GET IT...

NO MATTER WHAT MIGHT TRANSPIRE, A FIGHT WITH TEACHER WILL END UP TWISTED, REGARDLESS OF THE RESULTS.

AND I'M SURE THAT YOU WILL BE EVEN STRONGER ONCE YOU MEET HIM!

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NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT, WE JUST DON'T FIT IN IN A HOSPITAL HUH?

OR JUST ONE OF US...

THAT'S PRETTY MEAN OF YOU OTON.

NOT EVEN WAITING ON ME TO PICK YOU GUYS UP, AS 3 BROTHERS GET DISCHARGED.

BLOOD

HELLO.

WHAT HAPPENED WITH KUSAKABE?

WELL... NO...

DID YOU MEET THE TENGU?

WELL, ABOUT THAT... I'M ON MY WAY TO MEET HIM RIGHT NOW.

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

WHAT'S THE NAME OF THE PLACE?

SHIRANUI PALACE.

BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY, I'M JUST GOING TO SETTLE THINGS WITH HIM.

ALL MY BATTERY

YEAH ...

EVER SINCE I GOT HERE, I FEEL LIKE SOMEONE HAS BEEN SPYING ON ME.

AS IF SOMEONE IS TAILING ME OR SOMETHING.

SHIRANUI HUH, FROM WHAT I COULD GATHER, THIS PLACE IS A HEAVYWEIGHT IN THE MARTIAL ARTS WORLD, AND THERE IS A NEW PRESIDENT AS WELL.

AND HE PULLS THE STRINGS BEHIND THE SCENES IN JAPAN!

BUT WHAT WOULD KUSAKABE BE DOING IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?

YOU'VE DONE WELL IN MAKING IT THIS FAR, MIYAZAWA KIICHI.

SO THIS GUY IS THE HEAD OF SHIRANUI PALACE.

DID YOU COME HERE TO KILL KUSAKABE?

SUCH A SWEET BOY.

I JUST WANT TO FIGHT HIM!

THAT MIGHT BE A BIT MUCH ....

YOU ALWAYS HAVE TO PLAY HARDBALL!!

DO YOU THINK SAMURAI IN THEIR ERA, WOULD SAY SOMETHING SO CHILDISH?

BUT THEN AGAIN, PUTTING YOUR LIFE ON THE LINE TO FIGHT DESERVES SOME CREDIT.

IT'S SUCH A SAD AND TRAGIC STORY.

THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A FIGHT, THE ONLY VIABLE GOAL IS THE KILLING OF WHOEVER STANDS IN FRONT OF YOU.

SO WHAT ARE YOU FIGHTING FOR?

THOSE WHO CHALLENGE THEMSELVES ARE CALLED FRONTIERS, AND THEY ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO UNDERSTAND THE TRUE PURPOSE OF LIFE.

OR TO FIND YOURSELF!

TO FIND THE PURPOSE OF YOUR OWN LIFE....

SO DON'T SAY BORING THINGS LIKE YOU COMING HERE TO ONLY FIGHT AND NOT KILL!!!

TO CRAWL THROUGH THE FIRE AND BAPTISE YOURSELF IN THE FURY OF FIGHTING, WILL ALLOW YOU TO WITNESS THINGS UNSEEN.

YOU HAVE TO USE EVERYTHING YOU HAVE TO KILL YOUR OPPONENT.

USE EVERYTHING I HAVE TO KILL HIM.....

YOU GET IT?

MOVE YOUR HIPS LIKE THIS AND TWIRL.

LIKE I TOLD YOU.

鬼龍の挑戦…!!

素晴らしき哉の巻末連載!!!

Another Side of 鬼龍

挑戦のPart.22

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AH!

YOU SUCK.

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